

February 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Commission Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The purpose of this letter is to support competition. It is my position that SBC Michigan by moving into the area as a long distance carrier would hopefully increase the competition, and in the long run, more prices for the ultimate consumer. For it is important that Michigan along with other states have healthy and full competition, and in this way avoid a monopoly that would create higher costs for the consumer, and in this case, Michiganders.

For these reasons, I strongly support SBC Michigan in its efforts to broaden its business into the long distance service in Michigan. By approving their entry into this field the consumers should enjoy newer billing, lower phone bills which enables individuals to complete service to one company, and allows a greater choice locally and for long distance telephone service.

Sincerely yours,

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